**RAO BAHADUR K. A. KRISHNA AIYANGAR** (*Nominated, Deputy President*): By consent of the parties the present Bill may be withdrawn by the Law Member, and that Bill introduced forthwith suspending the Standing Orders.

**PRESIDENT**: We might say 'three and a half months' instead of 'three months' of the Committee to report; because, as we can give a little more time we need not cripple them unnecessarily.

**MR. K. GOPALAKRISHNA PILLAI** (*Parur*): I would make one suggestion. It would be advisable to bring the legislation to a close, to put in the committee two accredited members of the kutiyans, either co-opted or elected, from the Council. Then the question will be finally solved. Otherwise that will give rise to other questions. Even now there is that objection. The legislation as a whole has not got the full support of the entire kutiyan population of the State.

**PRESIDENT**: I do not think there is much in that.

**MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI** (*Additional Head, Sirkar Vakil*): The Committee will consist of the following members:—

1. Mr. V. N. Jatavedan Namputiripad,
2. ,, C. N. Thuppan Namputiripad,
3. ,, N. Raman Namputiripad,
4. ,, A. S. Damodaran Asan,
5. ,, E. V. Krishna Pillai,
6. ,, Tariathu Kunjitomman,
7. ,, K. P. Abraham,
8. ,, Kayalam Paramesvaran Pillai, and
9. ,, Rao Bahadur K. A. Krishna Aiyangar (*Chairman*).

Rao Bahadur K. A. Krishna Aiyangar will be the Chairman.

**PRESIDENT**: May I take it that the motion is carried?

The Deputy President will be the Chairman of the Committee and the Committee will report within three and a half months.

The motion was carried *nem con.*

The House will now rise and meet again at 3-30 to discuss the adjournment motion.

The Council adjourned for lunch at 2 and met again at 3-30 P. M.

## ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS.

**PRESIDENT**: Mr. Krishna Pillai, with regard to the motion which you wanted to move this morning as a matter of urgent public importance, you say that there is definite information that some enterprising foreigner has applied for a monopoly of white clay called kaolin available in Travancore and that Government have decided to grant the same. As a matter of fact, there is no person, foreigner or other, who has applied for a monopoly of white clay called kaolin, nor have Government decided to grant any. I may explain what really has taken place. A tile manufacturing firm at Alwaye applied for a prospecting license to prospect for kaolin in the whole of the Quilon taluk. The Government refused to give a prospecting license for the whole Taluk. On a further

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application from that firm, Government have granted a prospecting license for one year for an extent of land, a little less than 5 acres, in the Perinad Pakuthy, Quilon Taluk. That is all that has happened. There is no application for a monopoly. Under these circumstances, Mr. Krishna Pillai, do you press your motion?

**MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Karunagapalli*): On the assurance that Government have not granted any prospecting license and on the assurance that Government will not depart from the old practice, I withdraw the motion.

## ADJOURNMENT MOTION *re* SALE OF LANDS FOR ARREARS OF LAND TAX.

**MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Neyyattinkara*): Sir, I beg to move the adjournment of the business of the House to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, *viz.*, the immediate necessity for issuing orders prohibiting the sale of lands for realisation of arrears of land revenue during the current year.

Sir, this is a matter in which one might indulge in a very long speech if one is inclined to discuss on the several aspects of the economic depression now prevailing in the land. But, I do not propose to do so; because we know it, and we feel it, and ryots also feel the bitterness of the depression in a manner they have never felt before. This has been the burden of the speeches made before this House by several members during the last one year; and the Government also in response to the demands of the people appointed an Economic Depression Enquiry Committee to go into the question and submit proposals. In this connection I have to state that it is regrettable that the report of the Committee is not forthcoming yet. Still it is a consolation to see several of the members who constituted the committee before the House now. Whatever be the causes of this depression, whether they be causes international or purely native or both, whatever that may be, there are certain facts which one cannot dispute. Of course, the bulk of the population of Travancore is agricultural; more than 80 per cent. of the population of the State depend on land for their maintenance, payment of the dues to the Sirkar and other dues also. It is also admitted that value of land is decreasing and that the price of commodities too is on the decrease. Government also, as seen from the report of the Land Revenue Department for the year 1105, admit that there is *dearth of money*, that the price of land is decreasing and the people are unable to pay their kists. It is amusing to read the passage I referred to just now. It reads thus:

> "Increase in the amount involved under this head is reported to be due to dearth of money.."

The position of Government seems to be this. They admit that money is dear and that the price of land is also decreasing. They also admit that the ryot is comparatively unable to pay the dues. At the same time they say that increase of the sale of land is due to arrears of



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